

# The Bandit

JANUARY ISSUE

Happy New Year! I can't believe that 2003 is upon us. I hope everyone had a great holiday break! It seemed to go by too fast...

A reminder that January 23rd is the Blood Drive - please donate! The hours are from noon to 5 pm on the third floor of Patriot. Hope you can make it! To set up an appointment time to give blood, contact the ASBG Office.

You can make a difference!

Have a great month!

Sandy

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The ASBG would like to thank the people that donated gifts for the Christmas Stars, it was a great success!

The bright faces of the children that received your donations were incredible!

Again, thank you for your kindness and support!

# January is the Perfect Time to Apply for Financial Aid

Remember that January is the time to apply for 2003-04 Financial Aid!

**Apply as soon as you can after January 1, 2003!** You are encouraged to use FAFSA on the Web at **www.fafsa.ed.gov** but paper FAFSA's will also be available in the Financial Aid Office about mid-December.

Renewal FAFSA's and information on Electronic Renewals will be sent out to students who applied for aid during the 2002-03 academic year from the Department of Education sometime in December 2002. If you do not receive the Renewal information by the January 2<sup>nd</sup> filing date, just use FAFSA on the Web or the paper FAFSA to file.  
Questions? Please contact the Financial Aid Office.

*Check out these  
great sites for help  
with financial aid!*

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\* clatsopcollege.com \* ossc.state.or.us \*  
\* fastweb.com \* collegeboard.com \*  
\* salliemae.com \* fafsa.ed.gov \*  
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## TAX TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!

Ready for a tax break? Did you pay tuition and related expenses for yourself, a spouse, or your dependant at a post-secondary educational institution? If so, you may be eligible for a tax credit on your 2002 tax return. To see if you qualify for the Hope of a Lifetime Learning Credit, call

1-800-829-3676 for the free IRS Publication 970,

Tax benefits for Higher Education

### E-File your taxes on-line!

Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and click on "Electronic Services". Then click on "IRS e-file Partner". Use your PC and modem and follow the step by step instructions provided to file your tax return...



### Locker Rental Update

It has been brought to our attention that the locker deposit is non-refundable. The ASBG apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

To rent a locker, please go to the Business Office on the second floor of Towler and pay \$5.00, pick a locker, and bring your receipt down to the ASBG Office and we will get you set up!

Attention Students – Are you interested in learning more about CCC? Go to the CCC Board Meetings held in the CCC Library on the fourth Thursday of every month.

### PARKING 101 IS NOT A TRANSFER COURSE!

On page 94 in your student handbook you will find the advantages as well as the disadvantages of not having your FREE CCC parking sticker. If you have not already done so, you can pick yours up at the Switchboard in Patriot on the second floor. Note: The parking spaces marked with signs stating “CCC Parking permit only” are permits given by Jennifer Whitman in Patriot 330. If you have an issue that requires easier access to the college, see Jennifer Whitman.

**VALENTINE BALLOON  
BOUQUETS:  
ASBG will be taking orders  
January 27th - Feb. 7th.  
Show someone how much they  
mean to you...**

**Come show your support for the CCC  
ASBG funded basketball team!**

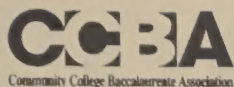
Thursday - Jan. 16th – 7:15 pm at the  
Astoria Middle School

Monday – January 20th – 6:00 pm at the  
Astor Grade School

Tuesday – January 28th – 7:15 pm at the  
Astor Grade School

**T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and soon hats!  
Available in the ASBG Office!  
Show your school spirit!**





## **Essay Contest**

***\$1,000 to the Contest Winner and an additional  
\$1,000 to the winner's community college!***

The Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA) is sponsoring an essay contest to find out what students think about community colleges offering a four year college degree; the challenge of finding classes close to their homes; and obstacles students must overcome in order to earn a baccalaureate (four-year) degree.

### **Awards**

\$1000 will be awarded to the individual with the winning essay and the winner will also receive an all expense paid trip to the Third Annual Community College Baccalaureate Association Conference, *Closing the Degree Divide*, in Phoenix, Arizona on March 15, 2002.

\$1000 will also be awarded to the Student Government Association, Student Organization or Community College of the winner.

### **Essay Rules and Regulations**

All essays must comply with the following contest rules before submission:

- Each contestant may submit only one (1) essay.
- No literary form other than an essay will be accepted for judging.
- Contestant must be currently enrolled in a community college.
- Essay must be typed using 12-point type.
- The essay text is limited to a maximum of 500 words and a minimum of 400.
- Essay must reflect the contestant's own research, writing and original thinking.
- Essay must have the following at the top of the first page submitted:
  - Essay title
  - Author's name, address, telephone number and email address
  - Community college name, address, telephone number
- Additional essay pages must have the author's name typed at the top right hand corner.
- Entries must be postmarked by December 15 or emailed by midnight of the same date to Beth Hagan, Community College Baccalaureate Association, P. O. Box 60210, Ft. Myers, FL 33906 or Admin@accbd.org.
- Essays will become the property of the Community College Baccalaureate Association. The essays may be printed in educational publications and used in the future to promote the CCBA mission.

### **Essay Topics**

Contestant must choose to write about one of the following three topics:

- "Why it's important for me to earn my Baccalaureate degree while I live at home."
- "Should my state offer 4-year degrees in our community colleges?"
- "Why I need easier access to a Baccalaureate degree."

### **Judging**

Judging will take place in early January and the winner will be notified by February 1.

Good luck and thank you for participating in the CCBA essay contest. For more information about CCBA, visit our website at [www.accbd.org](http://www.accbd.org). Questions? Call Sue Huff 239-596-7990

# January 2003

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 College Closed	2 Registration for Winter term begins again <b>FAFSA Applications can be sent</b>	3	4
5	6 Winter Classes Begin <b>New Book Return Jan 6-17</b> Grades of fall term admitted students mailed. All others can be either picked up at the Registrar's office or mailed upon request	7	8	9	10 Last day to: Drop class and get 100% refund  Register without late registration fee.	11
12	13	14	15	16 Work Study: Timesheets due by noon today	17 Last day to: Submit graduation petition for Winter Term Register for term length classes Return books Add/drop a class without late fee Drop with 90% refund	18
19	20 College Closed –  Martin Luther King JR. Day	21	22	23 Work Study pay- checks available in the business office <b>BLOOD DRIVE!</b> Noon–5 pm in Patriot Hall 3rd Floor	24	25
26 <b>VALENTINE BALLOON BOUQUETS:</b> ASBG will be taking orders through Feb. 7th.	27 Scholarship Ap- plications now available in stu- dent services for spring 2003 term.	28	29 Scholarship Workshop Library Conference Room from 3 – 5 pm.	30	31 Refunds mailed Last day to drop class with no tran- script notation Deadline for U of O Diversity and all PSU Scholarships	Deadline for next Bandit is February 3rd